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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 09/557,907; Filed: April 21, 2000  
For: **Methods for Treating Cancer Using  
Cytokine-Expressing Polynucleotides**  
Inventors: HORTON *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1530.0060004/EJH/PAC

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Statement of Substance of Interview; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Statement of Substance of Interview**

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Sir:

Applicants note that an Interview Summary (Form PTOL-413) has been issued in the present matter. Hence, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) and MPEP § 713.04, Applicants' undersigned representative provides the following statement of the substance of the interview held with the Examiner in the above-indicated application.

During the interview on November 6, 2006 between the Examiner and Applicants' representatives, the Lawson reference (of record) was discussed and Applicants' representatives and the Examiner agreed upon an amendment to the language of claim 1 that would allow the claims to be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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